

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A motor vehicle, ~~especially utility vehicle~~, with comprising:

a vehicle chassis (3) ~~as well as with~~;

a rear axle arrangement (2) having a rigid axle (1), ~~wherein~~ ;

a Panhard rod or control arm (8) ~~is~~ arranged between said vehicle chassis (3) and said

5 rigid axle (1) for supporting lateral forces , ~~characterized in that~~; and

an axial joint, said Panhard rod or control arm (8) ~~is~~ being directly articulated to said vehicle chassis (3) via [[an]] said axial joint (11) in a pivotingly movable manner.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Currently Amended) A motor vehicle in accordance with claim 1 ~~or 2~~, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said axial joint (11) ~~is designed as~~ comprises a ball and socket joint.

4. (Currently Amended) A motor vehicle in accordance with claim 3, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said ball and socket joint has a ball pivot (15) with a joint ball (16), which is received in a bearing housing (17) in a slidingly and pivotingly movable manner.

5. (Currently Amended) A motor vehicle in accordance with claim 4, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein a bearing shell, which receives said joint ball (16) in a slidingly and pivotingly movable manner, is arranged in said bearing housing (17).

6. (Currently Amended) A motor vehicle in accordance with claim 4, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said bearing housing (17) is fastened to said vehicle chassis (3) or to said rigid axle (1).

7. (Currently Amended) A motor vehicle in accordance with claim 4, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein a threaded bolt (19) is arranged at said bearing housing (17).

8. (Currently Amended) A motor vehicle in accordance with claim 4, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein a wrench attachment (22) is formed on said bearing housing (17).

9. (Currently Amended) A motor vehicle in accordance with claim 7, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said threaded bolt (19) is received in a hole (20) on said vehicle chassis (3) or on said rigid axle (1).

10. (Currently Amended) A motor vehicle in accordance with claim 1 ~~or 2~~ , ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said Panhard rod (8) or said control arm is formed from a tube (14) and ~~two said joint pieces (10) designed as a radial joint~~ at an end thereof and with said (12) ~~and a said axial joint (11) at another end thereof~~, wherein said joint pieces (10) are inserted into said tube (14) on both sides by means of a bearing journal (13) or a ball pivot (15).

11. (Currently Amended) A motor vehicle in accordance with claim 10, ~~characterized~~

in that wherein at least one of said joint pieces ~~(10) on both sides~~ radial joint at an end and axial joint at another end is arranged displaceably in said tube ~~(14)~~ of said Panhard rod ~~(8)~~ or of said control arm and can be fixed by means of a clamped connection ~~(23)~~ in relation to said tube ~~(14)~~.

12. (Currently Amended) A motor vehicle in accordance with claim 11, ~~characterized~~ in that wherein said clamped connection ~~(23)~~ is formed by a clip ~~(24)~~ and a slotted end of said tube ~~(14)~~, which said slotted end cooperates with said clip ~~(24)~~, wherein said slotted end of said tube ~~(14)~~ is held by said clip ~~(24)~~ under the action of a radial force against an end of a bearing journal ~~(13)~~ and/or said ball pivot ~~(15)~~ of one of said two joint pieces ~~(10)~~, which said end is inserted into said tube ~~(14)~~.

13. (New) A motor utility vehicle, comprising:

- a vehicle chassis;
- a rear axle arrangement having a rigid axle;
- a connection rod;
- a first joint directly connecting said connection rod to said vehicle chassis in a pivotingly movable manner; and
- a second joint directly connecting said connection rod to said rear axle arrangement in a pivotingly movable manner, one of said first joint and said second joint being an axial joint.

14. (New) A motor utility vehicle according to claim 13, wherein said connection rod is a control arm.

15. (New) A motor utility vehicle according to claim 13, wherein said connection rod is a Panhard rod.

16. (New) A motor utility vehicle in accordance with claim 13 wherein said axial joint comprises a ball and socket joint having a ball pivot with a joint ball, which is received in a bearing housing in a slidingly and pivotingly movable manner and wherein a bearing shell, which receives said joint ball in a slidingly and pivotingly movable manner, is arranged in said bearing housing.

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17. (New) A motor utility vehicle in accordance with claim 16, wherein said bearing housing is fastened to said vehicle chassis or to said axle arrangement with a threaded bolt arranged at said bearing housing and wherein a wrench attachment is formed on said bearing housing.

18. (New) A motor utility vehicle in accordance with claim 17, wherein said connection rod is formed from a tube with said axial joint as a ball pivot joint connected to said tube and the other one of said first joint and said second joint is a radial joint formed as a

bearing journal connected to said tube.

19. (New) A motor utility vehicle in accordance with claim 18, wherein at least one of said radial joint and said axial joint is arranged displaceably in said tube and can be fixed by means of a clamped connection in relation to said tube.

20. (New) A motor utility vehicle in accordance with claim 19, wherein said clamped connection comprises a clip and a slotted end of said tube, which said slotted end cooperates with said clip, wherein said slotted end of said tube is held by said clip under the action of a radial force against an end of a bearing journal and/or said ball pivot of one of said two joint pieces, which said end is inserted into said tube.

21. (New) A motor utility vehicle in accordance with claim 13, wherein said connection rod is a control arm or a Panhard rod formed from a tube with said axial joint as a ball pivot joint connected to said tube and the other one of said first joint and said second joint is a radial joint formed as a bearing journal connected to said tube, wherein at least one of said radial joint and said axial joint is arranged displaceably in said tube and can be fixed by means of a clamped connection in relation to said tube.